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The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
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Sent via online form at <https://waysandmeansforms.house.gov/Contact/mtbform.htm>

RE: Opposition to H.R. 5379

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

The American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition (AMTAC) represents U.S. manufacturers of various types of textile and apparel products. On behalf of our member, Unifi, headquartered in Greensboro, NC, we are writing to strongly oppose H.R. 5379, a bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain reusable grocery bags.

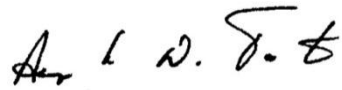
Unifi, a U.S. producer of polyester and nylon textured yarns, competes in this market, particularly with their Repreve branded recycled yarns. They have had numerous U.S. bag producers inquire about their Repreve yarns for the recycled bag business. Unifi's fabric mill partners are currently assisting customers with Repreve fabrics for bags. Extension of this duty suspension will have a negative impact on Unifi and their employees.

In addition, the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill is intended to promote U.S. manufacturing by providing limited tariff relief (up to \$500,000 for any specific product) to domestic U.S. manufacturers who use inputs that are not available from a domestic source. H.R. 5379 grants duty relief to finished goods and would simply increase the profit margins for importers and retailers to the discouragement of domestic manufacturing.

For all these reasons, H.R. 5379 is in our view unacceptable and extremely controversial. We strongly oppose H.R. 5379 and request that it be excluded from any miscellaneous tariff package or any other trade bill considered by the United States House of Representatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on H.R. 5379, and we greatly appreciate your noting our opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. I. N. T. T.", likely representing Augustine Tantillo.

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